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The Teletac 300 can be ordered with built-in paper tape punch and paper tape reader.

GE's New Teletypewriter Transmits at Up to 30cps

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Teletac 300, a teletypewriter for remote terminal and communication use, has been announced by General Electric. It requires a data set (GE's Dugnet 110, 111, 114, or 115, or Bell 103) for telephone hook-up. All transmission is in 72 columns.

The unit features speeds of up to 30 characters per second, GL said, which is double the speed of the IBM 2740.

Terminet 300 is typewriter-size (7 in. by 19 3/4 in. by 26 1/2

in.), weighs about 65 pounds, and is said by GE to be competitively priced.

The unit can be enhanced by addition of optional paper tape devices. The tape reader drives the typewriter at rated speeds, and transmits over a communications line. The tape punch is rated at 20 cps, GL said, and the punch operates at up to 30 cps.

GE claims that reliability and quietness are increased through use of solid-state electronics. (Continued on Page 2)

Problem-Afflicted User Blames Manufacturer Misrepresentation

By Peter L. Briggs
CW Staff Writer

BOSTON, Mass. A horror story of a manufacturer's claims, poor support, unexpected downtime, and a resulting chaos at the user's offices will unfold here next week.

Computerworld will record, by the user's sit-in on a meeting between the user and the manufacturer on the basis that CW would not disclose the names of the companies involved.

The session revealed, among other things, that the manufacturer was representing to the user no information of the realistic capabilities of the equipment, a small billing computer, nor of the actual degree of support available. As a result, the user's two and one-half month investment has exceeded the price of the machines.

Hardware Support Vital

The first area of contention is the support by the user was that of proper hardware support. The user pointed out that there was no one service man in the New England area.

The manufacturer's Northeastern area manager, however, said that he could fly-in backup people within 24 hours.

He was then asked why certain service calls over the previous several months had required more than 24 hours and less than two days. On one occasion, the service man arrived the third day, he was told. The service manager said he was not aware that such a situation had ever existed. He felt that there was

no excuse for such a delay, under any circumstances.

Downtime Important

When asked about the amount of downtime, which would be expected for this type of device (a Teletype-oriented unit with a core memory for program storage and total accumulation), he felt that 10% was normal. He earlier explained that the equipment was designed for "light

duty" (about four to five hours per day) and that the units as used in the user's shop, would probably suffer even more downtime than the 10% figure.

Claims Unjustified

Many of the problems reverted to the original claims made by the salesman when discussing the proposed purchase. The salesman was provided a study

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Users Take Part in Study Of Need for OS Standard

WASHINGTON, D.C. Users are strongly represented on the new Standard Control Language committee of the National Bureau of Standards.

The group has been formed to study possible standardization of computer control languages.

Miller Johnson of SDC, chairman of the new X3.42F committee, said it was formed to try to bring order out of chaos. He said the group does not know what the standard should be, but it will evaluate the situation and make recommendations about practical ways of implementing changes in control languages.

The committee set up two subcommittees at its first meeting Feb. 4 and 5 at Systems Development Corp. in Santa Monica, Calif.

Users Head Subcommittees

The users group is headed by John L. Little of the National Bureau of Standards. John Reuter of Bell Telephone Labs heads the functions work force.

Although representatives of the Business Equipment Manufacturers Association were instrumental in the establishment of the committee, the users are represented.

About a year and a half ago, Perstein sent a letter to various manufacturers on standardizing operating systems. Six months ago, Perstein was given the go-ahead by people in the standards activity to undertake the standardization. He is setting up a committee to study the situation.

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Survey Shows 48% Use Cobol

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands—Cobol is the most popular language, among 48% of 184 users surveyed by the Netherlands Automatic Information Processing Research Center. Assembly language was second, favored by 18%.

Of the 184 users, 44% reported that they used Cobol for more than 70% of their programming. The popularity of Cobol was attributed to the ease with which Cobol programmers could be transferred from system to system.

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Information Interchange Code to Be Adopted July 1

WASHINGTON, D.C. All federal agencies have been instructed to use the Federal Standard Code for Information Interchange, beginning July 1.

Most of the computer and peripheral manufacturers have been designing their equipment within the parameters of the code. The Brookings Bill of 1965 and President Johnson's proposal of the standard in 1968 gave the product-planning groups far warning. Because of this, nongovernment users who see the eventual need for information interchange with federal agencies should be in good

measure in justifying any bypass of the standards.

Dr. Joseph O. Harrison, Jr., chief of the Office of Information Processing Standards Division of the National Bureau of Standards, said, "The importance of the move on the part of the government should not be underestimated. The projections of the business society and computer-to-computer communications are impossible without standard data facilities."

"Of course, we are going to be problem-free," Harrison said. "We have to anticipate these. Federal information processing task groups were established to prepare those affected. These groups of federal representatives have been working in the area of data and

hardware capability standards.

The code includes a standard 128-character set, a standard code representation thereof, a method of representing binary-coded character set in machine media, and a standard collating sequence. The new standards are to be used for the interchange of information in machine-coded form between and between information systems.

They do not, however, extend to the internal structure of the central processing unit or peripheral devices.

All computers and related equipment configurations brought into the federal inventory, acquired or leased, come under the guidelines. They also apply to data systems developed for implementation by DOD for gov-

ernment agencies, and to data developed outside the federal government at government expense. Reference is made to the codes of character-oriented devices in which magnetic tape or perforated tape is produced for input or received as output from a computer-based data system.

They also apply to peripheral equipment when it is in support of a computer-based system.

Secretary of Commerce Robert C. Seamans has issued detailed instructions to heads of all federal agencies for the standards implementation. The stated objectives of the move are to facilitate the use of efficient purchase, lease, maintenance, operation, and utilization of automatic data processing.



The new GE-410 time-sharing system.

User Blames His Problems On Vendor's Statements

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local computer system have since been shown to be accurate, for the work load expected, the user said. The salesman recommended two machines as the number needed to handle the expected work load, he said.

The manufacturer's letter, had originally promised: "We are completely responsible for the entire system. This means from the initial survey thru [sic] the analysis [sales] report. This includes design, system programs, form design, operator training, follow-up [sic], etc."

Several areas discussed at last week's meeting which showed a failure to live up to these problems included: program number needed was not all fall, was delivered only one week previous to the meeting. System design was, at best, incomplete, the user felt. Training was adequate for the initial installation, however in help was still uninvolved.

At that point the manufacturer said that he would provide follow-up training as needed.

The figures originally supplied to the salesman reflected 1850 lines of billing per day, and this figure was the basis for the

30cps Terminal Unveiled by GE

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The unit has 94 characters, including upper/lower case capability, USASCII code is used.

Two print-line lengths are available: 75 or 119 print positions.

The basic Terminal 300 is reported to cost \$3400. Production is scheduled to begin in May, with GE quoting August delivery.

DATA COMMUNICATION IDEAS? Talk to Tally

Here's the answer to branch office data communication. The Tally 1023 Data Terminal is a multi-tasking computer from serial or parallel modems, input/output typewriters, card readers and magnetic tape units. Data can be transmitted or received at up to 1200 wpm. Party checking and unattended operation are standard. Hard copy printout is 155 wpm. Tally 1023 is available in the U.S. and Canada. 1310 Mercury Street, Seattle, Washington 98109. Phone: 206-624-6790.

two-machine recommendation, between the customer, both Computerworld and the user took independent measurements of the actual operation. Tests were run on the routines the manufacturer felt to be ideal, as well as on the routines the user felt were "ideal." In the "ideal" case, the operator was able to operate the machines at about 75 billing lines per hour. Under the typical cases tested, the average never exceeded 60 lines per hour.

Based on these figures, two machines could, at best, produce about 1200 billing lines during a normal day. This represents about two-thirds of the required capacity. The conclusion, on the part of the user, was that the two machines were nearly saturated during the quietest part of the user's season.

When faced with these figures, the manufacturer said: "We will re-evaluate our estimate based on your current needs and arrangements with a more reliable estimate." When asked why this situation had arisen, the manufacturer gave no answer.

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GE's Time-Sharing Family Grows

PHOENIX - A new "junior" member of the General Electric time-sharing computer family has been announced. The GE-410 is a 16-bit system with 10 user keyboards and can accommodate up to 40 connected terminals, the company said.

The system is intended for use by large industrial firms, government agencies, and commercial banks as a central, off-site time-sharing facility, GE said.

If desired, the 410 may be used in the multiprogramming batch-processing mode by the addition of a 32K word memory. Available software includes the Basic and ASA Fortran IV languages and the Edit functions, with the Datonet-30 Communications Executive and the GE-400 Time-Sharing Executive, GE said.

The system is, according to a

company spokesman, completely upward-compatible with the GE-430 and 440 systems by the addition of a central processing device. Moving into the larger systems (servicing 30 or 50 users respectively) requires no reprogramming and no operator re-training, he said.

The system consists of the central processor with a 32K word memory and 6.3 microseconds

access time, a console typewriter, two DSU-160 disk storage, a card reader, and the Datonet-30 Communications Processor. One basic configuration sells for slightly under \$500,000 and leases for \$10,475 per month. Additional disk storage up to 60 million characters is available as an option.

Deliveries are scheduled to start in August of this year.

Users Are Represented In OS Standards Study

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A source pointed out that many users hadn't realized that they should rise up and be heard. But some users are sufficiently interested, will pay their own way, work hard, and realize

that deliberations will be slow, he said. "They are dedicated to standardizing, although they realize that they're biting off a lot," he said.

Retraining Problem

John Little feels that standardization of computer control language would help in personnel training for the users. "It would be easier for a person to go from one operating system to another without retraining or reference to manuals," he said.

Little also stressed that the committee is not a full-fledged standardization committee. "We're looking for a committee in the area of operating system control and the need seems obvious. It's because of the chaos in the wide variety of language control commands presently in use," he said. He said that standardization would no doubt cut this down considerably.

Pearstein said that progress reports will be received from the subcommittees at the second meeting, which will be held May 12 and 13 in Boston.

GSA Awards Multiple Contracts To Leasing Firms for First Time

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The General Services Administration has awarded multiple contracts for punched-card equipment to five separate bidders.

This is the first time GSA has solicited competitive bids on a governmentwide basis for any type of EDP equipment. Previously all such EDP equipment had been procured on a systems or package basis.

It is government procurement policy to shift from sole source to competitive bidding when the agency learns that there is more than one vendor with sufficient equipment available to meet the government's requirements.

H. A. Aberseller, computer manager of GSA Federal Supply Service, stated last month (CW, March 12) that peripherals need not come from the same vendor that supplies the mainframe, nor even all from the same peripherals maker.

One source had no comment on the contract awards, but sources indicated that out of a total of \$6.6 million that is currently expended annually in rentals, the move will represent a savings of \$1.5 million annually.

The awards were: 1585 units to MAI, 210 units to LMC, 71 units to Cyber-Tronics, 241 units to DPA, and 46 units to IDP.

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360-Compatible Video Terminal Has 1920 Character Positions

NEW YORK — A new, IBM 360-compatible terminal which sells in its stand-alone version for \$6500 and can substitute for the IBM 2260, was announced at the IEEE conference here by Atlantic Technology Corp.

The ATC 2000 is primarily distinguished by the size of its screen and by the way it creates characters. The screen has a maximum size of 1920 character

positions and each character is made with cursive strokes on a 4 x 4 matrix rather than by strings of dots or starburst stroke methods. The characters normally use approximately eight strokes in the 4 x 4 matrix and can be up to 16 as in the "G" character.

A multistation version is also available. This uses a common controller, an expansion unit,

and between one and 32 displays. In this configuration, each expansion unit can handle up to 1920 characters which can be spread over eight terminals if each is using only 240 characters.

Typical applications for the ATC 2000 display terminals include centralized inventory control, airline reservation systems, management information retrieval, and cargo handling operations.

Software

The ATC 2000 uses the same software as the IBM 2848 and 2260 display units. ATC points out that there is no need to adapt programs in periodic improvements in System 360 programming. Such improvements, ATC says, have obsoleted previous attempts to maintain 360 compatibility.

The basic interface is with an IBM 360 system via a data adaptor and data transmission rates of up to 4800 bits per second can be handled.

Manufacturing

The manufacturing methods involve medium-scale integration using Texas Instruments' transistor-transistor logic-integrated circuits and a read-only core memory.

The screen is completely refreshed every 16 milliseconds, so maintaining a 60 cps rate. The company believes that this allows an unusual degree of "flicker freedom" for the characters, although noting that no monitor is really completely flicker-free.

Options

Optional packages add the use of lower case characters and sixteen-line segments to permit limited graphic capacity, including bar charts.

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The new ATC 2000 series display was shown at the IEEE conference in New York. The screen can hold up to 1920 characters, each 0.15 in. high by 0.12 in. wide.

Software Association Membership Now Numbers 12 as CCA Signs Up

By a CW Staff Writer

CAMDEN, Mass. — Computer Corp. of America is the latest company to join the Association of Computer Software Companies. CCA is the 12th firm to become a member.

The association is promoting patent laws to protect software.

"The lifeblood of the independent software firm is proprietary software," CCA President

Thomas Marill said. "Substantial financial and manpower investments are made in software development. The software developer, usually the software independent firm, deserves the same patent protection that is given companies in manufacturing industries."

If it is not given," Marill said, "we will continue to be at the mercy of the industry giants."

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Sanders 5700 Display/Tape System

Display to Punched Tape System Permits Operator to Verify Input

NASHUA, N.H. — Two keyboard display CRT-to-punched paper tape systems have been announced by Sanders Associates, Inc.

Designated the 5700 series, they allow the operator to verify information before it is punched into 5 or 8-channel tapes.

The input station is the key to the operation. It has a dedicated paper tape reader, a keyboard, and a CRT. In a typical application, the operator types a control program into memory, setting up proper tab stops. Then she reads in repetitive information and keys the information which differs from record to record. All this appears on the CRT, which the operator can check against the source documents and correct by insertions, deletions, and typewriters. Corrected information is then sent directly to a common punch, which takes records on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are two units: The 5708 is an 8-channel unit which handles 64 ASCII characters. It can have up to three input stations and one high-speed punch, Sanders said.

The 5709 unit handles either the 64 ASCII characters or 5-channel (Baudot) information. It can have up to 12 input stations, Sanders said, and ASCII and Baudot readers and punches can be intermixed for simultaneous transmission, the company said.

Both units can read up to 45 characters per second (limited by CRT refresh rate) and can punch up to 180 characters per second, Sanders said.

Both units cost \$2,225 and the 5708 will come with one control unit, three 100-character memories ("one per input station"), and three stations, rack-mounted, \$794 per month, and the 5709 are available for three-month delivery.

Expansion Foam Protects Tape Libraries From Fire

NEW YORK — A system to protect magnetic tape libraries from fire and radiant heat has been developed and tested by Shell Oil Co.'s New York Data Centers.

The heart of the system is a foam composed of water and a synthetic liquid, which undergoes a 500-to-1 expansion generated by a fan. Tests measured the system's ability to withstand radiant heat, an accidental open flame, and an incendiary missile, and determined the effect on tape in standard canisters of prolonged immersion in foam.

Experiments and flame tests showed that temperatures inside the canisters were held well below the 130°-150°F danger range specified by the tape manufacturer. None of the tests showed water vapor getting into canisters.

Some interesting conclusions were drawn:

1. The system appears to protect against Molotov-cocktail sabotage.

2. If the source of heat is held near the canister, tape near the floor will come into contact with heated foam which may damage them.

3. An additional safety factor is the fact that the temperatures were recorded in empty canisters. If tape is present, heat conduction will take up less quickly.

4. The foam doesn't damage

clothes, so that tapes can be retrieved immediately after a disaster.

5. Foam can be controlled, and is not fully expanded, as in a CO₂ system, providing backup protection against re-ignition.

6. It leaves a residue, but the 500-to-1 expansion means that the cleanup problem is limited.

Assisting Shell in the tests were John K. Jeter, who made the tape, and Don K. Jeter, Inc., representing Rockwood Jetex, which developed the system.

Fire Reduces Prices

On Drives, Memories

BOSTON — Price reductions of up to 20% on Adage MTP7 magnetic tape transports and on selected core memory sub-assemblies, available from Adage Graphics Terminals Models AGT/10, AGT/30, and AGT/50, have been announced. The reductions have been made possible by increased demand for Adage Graphics Terminals and by production economies,

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Communications Controller Relieves Central Processor

ROCKVILLE, Md. — A new communications controller system will relieve the heavy communications load on central processors of the size range of IBM's 360 Models 60, 65, and 85 and Univac's 1108, according to Commet, Inc.

The Commet 60 includes a 32-bit parallel processor with 900 nanosecond memory from 32,768 to 131,072 bytes. It has 16 high-speed general-purpose registers, four general-purpose

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equipment now in use at the central processor," Commet says. Commet, Inc., 2 Research Court, Rt. 70+ and Shady Grove, Rockville, Md. 20850.

Multiple-Use Console

A new integrated console system can be used as a remote terminal, as an on-line conversational station, or for off-line peripheral operations, the company says. The CC-36 Televideo Conversational Station includes a dual-discriminate reader and a portable nonimpact 300 character-per-second, 80-column printer.

This basic system sells for \$23,900, and can be enhanced with a keyboard for operator control, a data entry, a question screen, and an interface for remote communications at up to 50,000 bits per second. For multiple copies, or larger column printouts, an impact printer is available. A standard can be controlled by stored instructions.

Computer Communications, Inc., 701 W. Manchester Blvd., Ingelwood, Calif. 90301.

Line Printer

The PRT-130 is General Electric's new line printer for the 100 series computers. The printer is rated at 1,100 lines per minute and operates under the supervision of either Disk or Tape Operating System. It will lease for \$1150 per month.

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GE also announced the PTP-120, a 150 character-per-second paper tape punch, also for the 100 series. The PTP-120 leases for \$350 per month, and sells for \$13,500.

General Electric, Small Com-

puters per minute. A flexible blade picker follows variations in card shape.

SR-300 can be interfaced with any computer system. Maintenance is improved by use of TTL circuitry, and by solid-state plug-in modules, the company claims.

The reader is 20 in. wide, 15 in. high, and 22 in. deep, and weighs about 70 lbs.

Data Products Corp., 6219 De Soto Ave., Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364

Stored-Program Accounting

A new stored-program accounting machine, the e435, is capable of storing 160 instructions from punched cards, and is optionally expandable to 320. The instructions control repetitive processing steps, calculation, and printing.

The e435, with console card reader, will rent for \$450 per month and sell for \$15,750. With reader and punch, rental is \$740 per month and the selling price is \$27,100. First customer orders are scheduled for the fourth quarter of this year.

IBM, Data Processing Div., 112 East Post Rd., White Plains, N.Y. 10601.

2400-Bit Data Set

A new data set, Modem 2200/24, transmits at 2400 bits per second over dial-up or dedicated leased lines.

It is a four-phase modem, compatible with most existing four-



than two minutes, with standard tools. Data Products Corp., 6219 De Soto Ave., Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364.

Tape Reader and Handlers

A photoelectric paper-tape reader, PTR-723, and three related tape handlers, PTH-300, 500, and 1000 have been designed for digital data handling, communications, numerical control, phototypesetting, and other program control systems.

The handlers operate at 30, 50, and 100 inches per second respectively, at 10 characters per inch.

Bi-directional reading and high-speed rewinding are standard on all three handlers. They feature dual-tension reel hubs and dancer-arm lockout for easy loading.

General Electric, Information Devices Dept., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Low-Speed Card Reader

A low-speed card reader, Speedreader 200, can be used in data communications systems and with small and medium-scale computers. The reader operates in demand mode at up to 300



phase units, such as the Western Electric 2018.

The set includes circuitry techniques found in eight-unit sets and is a compact, self-contained unit.

The price is \$2350 with delivery starting this summer.

International Communications Corp., 7260 N.W. 36th Ave., Miami, Fla. 33147.

Phone Translation System

Computer-A-Phone, a Touch-Tone to remote keyup translation system, will accept full alphanumeric information, entered by different combinations of two Touch-Tone buttons, and will also code, one card, various electronic arithmetic functions, such as add, subtract, multiply, divide, total, and clear.

The system is simple, for it only a template over the user's Touch-Tone buttons to give the combinations for arithmetic, logic, and translation, and a translator located at the site of the remote keyup.

Applications already being performed include truck dispatching, transmission of engineering drawing requests, dairy computerized milk order processing, and medical billing.

Photo Magnetic Systems, Inc., 10750 Tucker St., Beltsville, Md. 20750.

General-Purpose Terminal

A movable-keyboard data entry console, the LC-728, functions as a general-purpose ter-



minal, providing two-way communication with a computer.

It is part of the LC-720 Data Entry System, for entry onto magnetic storage media from several terminals.

Logic Corp., 15 E. Euclid Ave., Haddonfield, N.J.

Wideband Data Systems

Diginet 400 is a new series of wideband data systems that will handle computer data, telephone, and wideband voice messages. The systems include baseband and carrier data sets, vestigial sideband modems, and repeaters. The units communicate synchronously, with no clock or digital serial, very strict data discipline, up to 50,000 bits per second.

Data sets for computer terminal interface are housed in a desk-top cabinet; repeaters and modems are rack-mounted.



sideband modems which communicate with communications equipment installations come in two different rack-mounted, shallow-depth designs.

Diginet TDM 401 and 402 are baseband data sets for half-duplex digital interface with equipment such as magnetic terminals, a computer or high-speed remote terminals. They condition the digital data for transmission over cable pairs.

Diginet TDM 403 and 404 are baseband data sets and a Diginet 400 system component such as another baseband data set, a carrier modem, or a carrier data set.

Diginet TDM 402 and 423 carrier data sets are vestigial sideband data modems which interface with a computer or terminal for applications where terminals are near each other.

Diginet 400 systems may be configured in point-to-point, point-to-multipoint, and switching communication networks. The digital interface is basically the same regardless of system configuration or whether the interface is with a Diginet baseband or carrier equipment.

Section P, General Electric Communications Products Dept., P.O. Box 4197, Lynchburg, Va. 24502.

Employment System Said To Handle All Job Types

By Patricia Coffey
CW Staff Writer

SALT LAKE CITY - What is described as the only computer system that finds jobs for workers in a full occupational spectrum is being utilized here by the Utah Department of Employment Security.

People may now receive job referrals in minutes rather than days, according to Curtis P. Harding, department administrator. Harding said that Utah was selected by the federal government to be the job matching pilot project. It took two years of planning and implementation.

"The present system was designed by the state and federal governments and adopted by the data processing people," he said. Harding said they wanted to find an alternative to using other jurisdictions, although computerized job matching, Utah's is the only system that covers the full occupational spectrum, he said.

The three-month-old system is expected to handle 80,000 applicants and 50,000 jobs a year. Employers with job openings

phone an employment security office. From there, information is dictated and transmitted from a telephone lines to an RCA Spectra 70/45 computer. The computer searches through its files for persons whose skills match the qualifications.

The same process occurs when a job-seeker registers. The file is sifted to see if his qualifications can be matched to a vacancy. If not, they are stored electronically for later matches. When a match is made, the name is removed from the files.

An employed individual seeking an improvement in his job may also make use of the system.

Harding said that several thousand job-seekers and openings are being matched each week.

During the national election campaign last summer, President Nixon expressed interest in the use of computers to help match workers with jobs. "I think if a computer can match boys and girls for dates, it can match men and jobs," he said.

The three-month-old system is

expected to handle 80,000 applicants and 50,000 jobs a year.

Employers with job openings

4th GE-600 System in Operation

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. - A \$3 million GE-600 series information processing system has been installed here to provide Mark II time-sharing service to users throughout the Northeast. Installed at GE's Information Processing Center at 60 Washington Ave. here, it is the fourth such system in operation. Others are in Los Angeles and Cleveland.

The system supplements the Mark I time-sharing service provided over the past three years

by three smaller GE-200 systems.

The larger memory capacity of the Mark II service enables users to prepare and process programs approximately twice the size of those using the Mark I service, at speeds of 10 to 15 times faster, GE said.

Service will be available to users in such upstate cities as Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Binghamton, Elmira, Poughkeepsie, and Albany; and to Vermont and Massachusetts.

Linnell Electronics

CHERRY HILL, N.J. - More details became available last week regarding the recent resignation of James Linnell from Linnell Electronics, a subsidiary of Memory Magnetics Inc. Apparently, not merely did Linnell

Officers Resign

resign from the presidency, but the other officers also resigned, including the treasurer, M. Greenberg, and the sales director, Lawrence Brownsey.

Wes Powers, president of Memory Magnetics, told CW that he didn't feel it was very unusual that the presidents of both Athens Corp. and Linnell Electronics, two of MM's major subsidiaries, should have resigned from the firms that bore their names. "A person may be a very fine engineer, but that doesn't mean he makes a good president," Powers said. "I just could not agree with some of the sales policies."

Linnell said that Powers had urged the officers not to resign but they had all insisted on doing so.

The production situation at Linnell appears to be that eight disk drives have been completed but only one or two have been sold.

In the meantime, the stock-trading suspension order against the Comstock Keystone Corp., the former name of Memory Magnetics, continues in force although an audit, we were told, by company spokesmen, to have been completed and presented to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Tape to Card Units Shipped

NEW YORK - Mohawk Data Sciences Corp. has begun shipping a new line of magnetic tape-to-punched card subsystems to end-user customers.

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Editorials**Plan for Progress**

One of the news items from the IEEE show deals with a 360-compatible terminal which the manufacturer says can replace the IBM 2260. The ATC 2000, however, can hold many more characters on its screen than can the 2260. This presents users with both an immediate problem and a long-term one.

Immediately, of course, it means that people who have the IBM unit must re-examine their needs and see whether they really could use the compatible unit with advantage. This is a standard problem that is hitting users more and more frequently as compatibility comes into reality.

But even more important than this is the second-level problem. As compatibility clearly is coming, it is no longer reasonable to design systems simply for the equipment that is currently available. The progression of displays from small to large has been only one of the apparently inevitable results of progress. When the compatibility feature is added, however, it suggests that an analyst should design a system so that it can be changed every six months or so instead of every three or four years.

How it will change, of course, will not be known in many cases. But contingency factors — like the possibility of a unit with a larger display — are now such a likelihood that they should be included in the original systems analysis.

This is not often done. The likelihood of major changes in a short time span has been so slight that any decisions about them are normally taken only after the new units have become available. Frequently this is so costly that it may prevent the new units from being properly considered.

However, this cost could be avoided if it were realized that progress is inevitable, and if analyses were made, on a contingency basis, of the four or five most likely advances in the technology at the time when it is least expensive — during the original study.

Help a Datamation Reader

Readers of the March *Datamation*, reading of IBM Vice-President George Beitzel's statement on "Fourth Generation" compatibility, may feel like the man who came into a detective movie half an hour after it started. Reasonably so — because they have got only half of the story.

What they weren't told is that the whole IBM internal newspaper article was on the subject, "The Fourth Generation — Competition," and that Beitzel was supposed to be answering the question, "Do you see the next generation as having program compatibility?" Understanding his answer, without knowing the question (or even that there was a question!) is practically impossible.

So — if you do know a *Datamation* reader who is not also a *Computerworld* reader, won't you help him and let him know what the real content of Beitzel's remarks was? (To help you, we are reprinting the full article on page 9.)



"Check Geedess, Someone Finally Remembered the Wheats!"

Letters to the Editor**Canning Challenges Editorial Demanding ACM Explanation**

I wish to take exception to your editorial of March 5, titled "Full Explanation Needed." You imply that ACM representatives, with either unparalleled generosity or just plain short-sightedness, "gave away" a large share of future Afips surpluses, under the new constitution. Such is not the case.

If you had studied both the old and the new constitutions carefully, or had asked any of the Afips board members, you would have found the following:

Under the old constitution, the surplus was determined after funds were approved for Afips-sponsored projects. Under the new constitution, the surplus is determined before any projects are considered. Further, the framers of the new constitution were aware that a large share of the new constitution was of funds for Afips funds to sponsor worthy projects. The new constitution allows Afips to continue to sponsor projects but not at the expense of the surplus to be distributed to the three societies. ACM not only will not get less but may well get more income under the new constitution.

Richard G. Canning
ACM Representative

Afips Executive Committee
New York

As the title of CW's editorial "Full Explanation Needed" suggests, what is sought is light, not heat. We did not imply anything; we merely stated that the financial implications for the members of the ACM and the other two societies (a divisional limit is set on what funds Afips can transfer to the members such as ACM), and as the ACM is now in financial distress, an explanation of the implications should be offered. Canning's own presentation of the new Afips constitution to the ACM Council failed in this important regard.

Computerworld has studied both the old and the new constitutions carefully. Indeed, it appears we have studied the new one more carefully than the people who OKed it for release. (See next letter.) ACM members still need a full explanation. Ed.

CW Congratulated for Nailing Error in the Afips Bylaws

Congratulations on picking up the typo in our bylaws (CW, March 19). They should of course read, Afips "shall not engage in any substantial activity which is in direct competition with activities of its constituent societies." The error occurred in preparing the printed version.

Bruce Gilchrist
Executive Director
Afips
Montvale, N.J.

Disk Pack Damage, Not Drive Damage, Seen as Real Problem

Again the manufacturers are greedy by trying to strong-arm users into using only their disk packs by making head damage to their drives a customer cost.

Nonsense. In over 50,000 hours of 1311/2311 use (unfortunately with costly manufacturer's packs) we have never had head damage.

On the other hand, two packs have been destroyed by (1) main metal arm snapping from fatigue and (2) whole mechanism overriding crash safety barrier.

Hence, in my opinion, in practice the manufacturers will be more concerned with paying for competitive packs (and not being able to replace with their own packs at cost), than in collecting head damages.

George W. Warner, CDP
Director, Management Control Systems
Aberdeen Manufacturing Corp.
New York

For First-Time Users**Univac Systems Have a Lot to Offer**

By A.B. Williams
CW Staff Writer

Univac recently announced Mark II models of the 9200 and 9300 processors, supported by 8411 disks, tapes, and faster printers, are aimed right at the first-time user.

Mark II is on the nose. Previous use of the 9200 was limited to cards and the 8410 mini-disk. The 9300 could have tape, but the larger 8411 disk was reserved for the 9400 reader. Printers were the "integrated" units — 250 lines per minute on the 9200, 400 on the 9300.

The offerings were attractively priced — the new ones are, too. Univac's early 9000 series came with the understanding that to get faster peripherals, the

user would have to get a larger processor. This has now been changed.

The 9000 series software reflects the changes. The 9200 was originally offered as a card system, then enhanced with the 8410 disk. The 8410 was supported by input/output software only — no operating system, no compilers. This, too, has changed. Both the 9200 and the 9300 will have Cobol, RPG, and an assembler for tape and disk, and a tape Fortran.

The 9000 system, I must add, had two nuggets that may not be quite so obvious. When a faster printer is attached via a multiplexer, the integrated printer can be released to serve as an output-system message writer — at con-

siderably higher speeds than competitive keyboard printers. The 550,000 byte-per-second selector channel offers an opportunity to speculate about future Univac announcements of larger, faster mass storage units. The 8410 disk, to half the selector channel's capacity, and it places the greatest demand on the selector of the current 9000 series peripherals.

An attempt to prolong the life of the user's processor is good news, but it's not the whole story. Manufacturers will be more of this in the future — out of sheer necessity, if not for altruistic reasons.

Every announcement in our small-scale market makes it more (Continued on Page 9)

An Interview With DP Group's Assistant General Managers

"Fourth Generation" .. Competition..

G.B. Baitzel, IBM vice-president and assistant general manager — plans & controls, DP Group.

What will be different about the "Fourth Generation"?
MR. BAITZEL: "We have built the business, not in terms of generations, but in terms of better service for the dollar. The great promise for the future is in work started months and sometimes years ago. Future announcements will be made not by a "liberal" or a "conservative" announcement policy, but rather by the best way to get better price performance out into the field and get it there before the competition does.

MR. PAPES: I see another indicator of our business philosophy by looking at the specific competitive advantage of the company. If you looked at our major projects a year ago, you'd see that we are shooting for higher goals today — more performance, more function, more capacity, more equipment that is competitive. We are competitive with the technology. As the technology presents us with an opportunity to do better, we are moving right ahead and improving what we have. We intend to continue in the leadership role.

The above article appeared in December, 1968, in an internal IBM publication. Its meaning is currently under discussion with Computerworld, warning that it appears that the Fourth Generation may be program-incompatible and calling for a clear statement from

T.C. Papes, assistant general manager — operations, DP Group.

When we introduced System/360, customers had to re-think entirely, except for the migration projects. Do you see the next generation as having program compatibility?

MR. BEITZEL: When we announced the System/360, we asked the data processing community to "reset to zero." We did this because of the great proliferation of languages, machine architecture, and input and output devices. Incompatibility and proliferation meant customers were paying a premium price to go much further in computing. Cost was the judgment. It has been more than vindicated by System/360's reception in the marketplace.

Where do we go from here? We have a great debt to ourselves and to our customers to maintain some consistency between what we are doing and where they are going to be in the future. But I don't think we will do this at any price. If something comes along we think is a substantially better way to get price performance into the market, we would not hesitate to change.

Baitzel — who, according to the full article, is apparently already in a position to know (!) —

in response, Baitzel claims that he was quoted out of context and reiterates his "statement" (2), but ignores the question he was supposed to answer (3). This is the full article.

New Systems Aimed at First-Time Users

Continued from Page 8

obvious that a prospective new user should do a good deal of homework. He should define quite clearly what he needs to make the best from a card or manual to computer. This will determine the company's real needs. They often may be simply stated, as, "How much will you do for us by way of programming and system help?" These should also include an honest attempt to determine when the installation can become independent of the vendor's help in getting on the air, and a look into the future sufficiency of the processor under consideration.

"How much more can I do efficiently with the processor we're talking about?" is another question, and one which Univac is beginning to answer.

As a vendor deeply committed to the small-computer user, Univac is not alone. IBM is a household word; 360/20, perhaps the first true computer that comes to mind. Other vendors deeply committed to the service of the first-time user are Honeywell, with the 110 and 120; NCR, with the Century series; and GE, with the 100 family. Each sells a different combination of hardware, software, software, and support. Since the first computer decision is so important, the would-be user is

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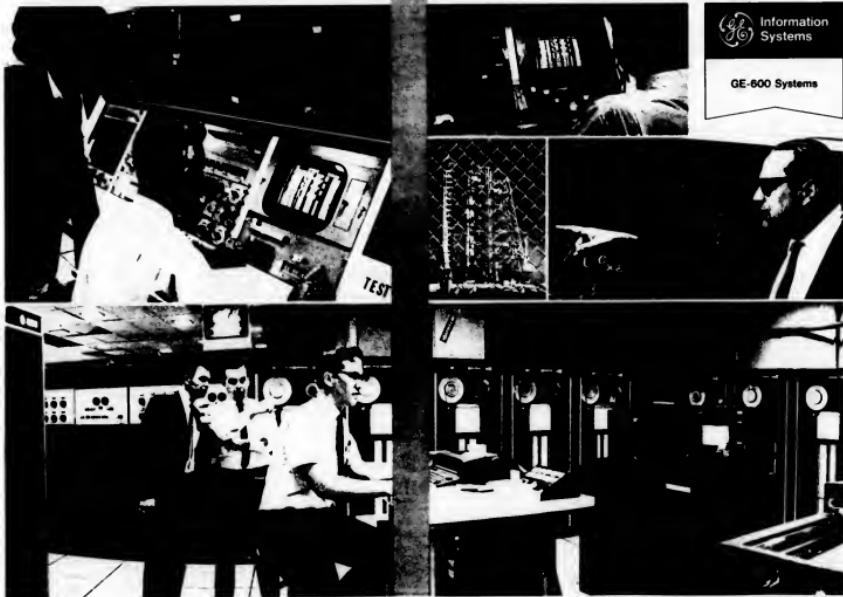


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The conference, which has as its theme "Today's World of Real-Time Systems," will be held April 19-21 in the Leland Stanford Junior Hotel, Menlo Park, Calif.

In addition, the technical program will also cover such topics as high-speed data communications, software testing through functional simulation, small time-shared systems, on-line information retrieval, and various languages for process control,

and new system designs to meet specific real-time requirements. Further information may be obtained from Robert M. Kalb,

Supervisors Still Cry for Relief From Paperwork, Survey Finds

NEW YORK - Wall Street managers aren't the only ones drowning in a sea of paperwork these days. According to a recent survey (based on a sample of 1100 responses) conducted by the American Management Association's *Supervisory Management* magazine, two-thirds of those supervisors responding said that half or more of their time is spent up to their necks in paper. Though the samplings were deliberately weighted on the side of production supervisors, 63% of the respondents said they supervise office activities, as against 37% for plant activities.

Supervisors are also showing a strong trend toward greater administrative responsibilities for all supervisors regardless of the type of activity in which their company engaged. Hence, in the questionnaire, supervisors were asked to indicate the many requests for help with clerical problems and paperwork management.

Univac Users Elect Young

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. - Arthur F. Young, of Lexington, Tenn., has been elected president of the Univac Users Association, succeeding James S. Nelson of U.S. Gypsum Co.

Others elected at the spring conference here were George J. Fopp, Jr., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, vice-president; and Seaton B. Miller, Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, secretary.

The UUA, which held its first formal conference in 1957, is designed to bring the Univac user together with the company representatives to exchange information and ideas.

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Attendance Data Input by Card Dialers Helps School Monitor 63,000 Students

PONTIAC, Mich. — A computer is taking attendance daily for 28 local school districts here and is credited with helping to reduce tardiness and absenteeism in the Oakland Schools.

Oakland Schools is an intermediate district serving 28 local school districts within Oakland County. Oakland officials say this is the only system in the country where such a high percentage of attendance is provided by a single electronic transmission from participating schools.

The computer compiles and distributes attendance figures so swiftly that school officials are able to spot and analyze trends and take positive action before after school periods begin. Computer-generated statistics already have revealed that about 80% of those pupils who enroll as much as a day late drop out before the semester is completed.

Merrill K. Reeds, director of the Oakland Schools Division of Data Processing, said he has been told by guidance counselors that poor attendance often has its roots within the family and may be traced by a careful examination of pupil records through elementary, junior, and senior high schools.

"This computerized record-keeping allows a school worker to pay by a single call on a family regardless of the different schools its children may attend," he said.

Reeds said some schools within the districts have dropped from the head of the list on poor

attendance as a result of knowledgeable officials' use of tardiness reports provided by the computer.

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Next, the computer tells the caller, "Please send attendance." This is accomplished by inserting the attendance card dialers for pupils who are tardy or absent.

The completed data is transmitted to a 360/50 which pro-

vides printouts for use by individual school officials.

Excessive intervention in cases of excessive absenteeism has resulted in a substantial decrease in the number of pupils referred to the authorities under the compulsory attendance law," Reeds said.

He said the information on attendance trends provided by computer-generated statistics also will be used in analyzing the why and wherefore of perfect attendance.

"Guidance counselors feel that if we can find out a little about the attitudes of those pupils who never miss a day of school, we may also shed some light on the other extreme," he said.



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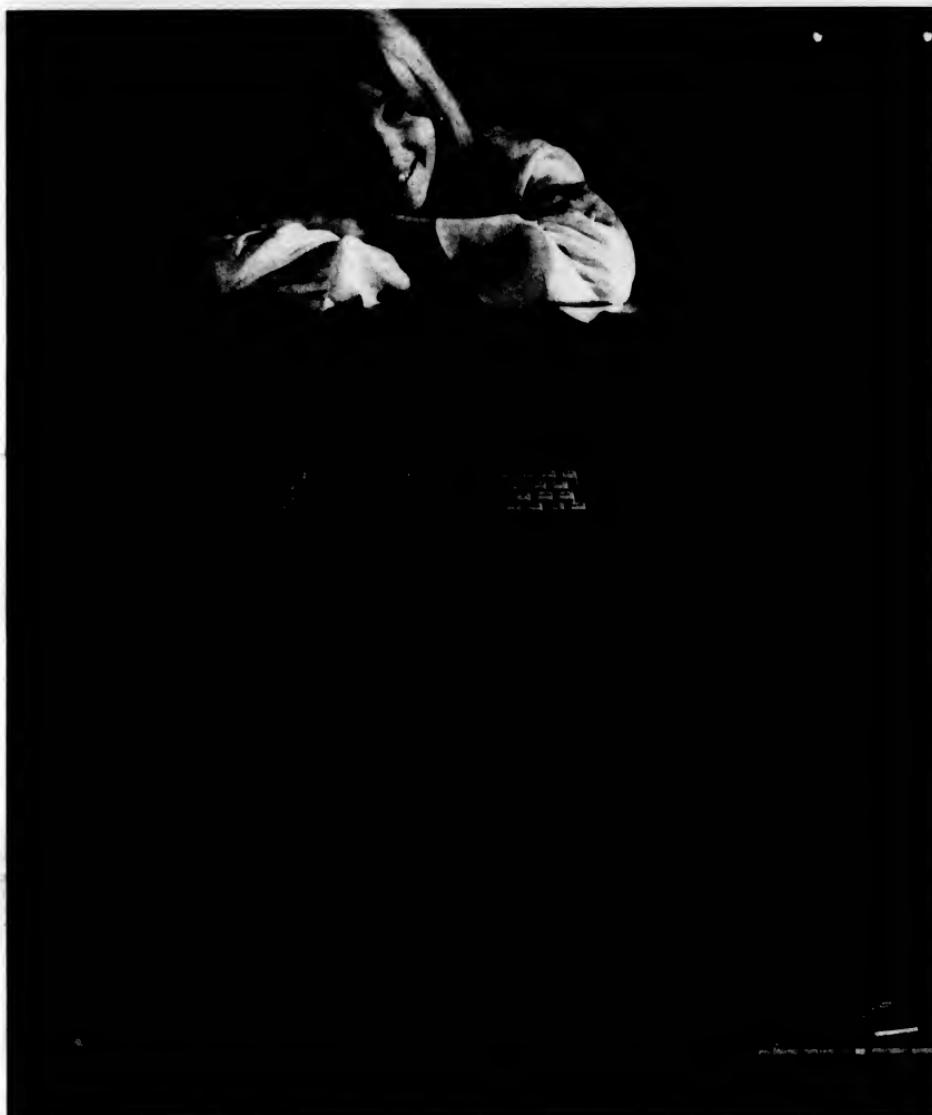
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All the News That Fits, We Print' Could Be Computer Editing Theme

By Joseph Hanlon
CW Staff Writer

EASTON, Pa. — "All the news that fits, we print" should be the theme of newspapers using a computer program to edit copy to fit their news pages.

The program, Anpat (American newspaper publishers' abstracting technique), drops paragraphs from an article to shorten it to a predetermined length. The program is intended only for wire-service copy, such as is provided by the Associated Press or United Press International, and can be used only by newspapers that use wire-service copy without further editing.

"We can't use the articles to newspapers in the form of hard copy (typed on a teletypewriter) or punched paper tape that can be fed directly to line printers. Anpat uses the paper tape to read the article, cut it to a predetermined number of lines, and then produce a new tape for the line-caster.

Cutting is done only by drop-

ping paragraphs. Anpat does no rewriting or rearranging.

In deciding which paragraphs to cut, Anpat gives each word a weight, and then adds the weight to the words and capitalized words, for example. These weights are added to assign a weight to each paragraph. Finally, the article is cut by dropping the least important paragraphs, according to these weights.

Cutting from the middle creates a problem that Anpat has not been able to solve, however. Anpat makes no attempt to find out if two paragraphs are related, and consequently it may drop the first sentence of a speaker, but retain the next paragraph in which he is quoted.

Similarly, it may drop a paragraph introducing a new idea, but retain subsequent paragraphs explaining that idea.

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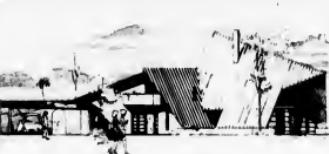
Erwin Jaffe, research director of the American Newspaper Pub-

lishers Association Research Institute here, explained that Anpat is really designed for use in computers, which Anpat says is a system which has not been fully developed. Such a system would probably contain a CRT unit with editing capabilities which would allow the copy editor to make changes, and then produce a revised paper tape.

Currently there is no easy way to make changes in paper tape, so Anpat is of use to newspapers that run only wire-service copy without editing.

Jaffe admitted that "Anpat is not quite perfect," but he said that it is important as "a first step into the editorial area, where no one has done anything about automating the work flow." He also noted that it is "a relatively simple program for an inexpensive computer" (the IBM 1130).

Two newspapers are currently using Anpat, according to Jaffe, but he refused to identify them.



Computer graphics aided architect James Dickson in the design of this unusual model house.

Computer Graphics Aid In Designing Model House

CLEVELAND — Computer techniques were used by architect James Dickson in the design of a \$50,000 walk-through model house built for the Urban Data Center, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Washington, and Flower Show.

The double-check perspective drawing of the architect Dickson used a computer to convert two-dimensional drawings into three-dimensional values. The computer graphics were handled by the University of Washington College of Architecture and Urban Planning Department of Architecture.

David L. Bonstel, assistant professor, headed the computer graphics group. Georg Schwalm, Thesis and Henricus Verschuren, graduate students, organized and supervised the work.

In outlining reasons for using computer graphics, architect Dickson said, "Plans or working drawings give the architect a two-dimensional picture. After a structure is built, visual problems are often encountered in the most unlikely places. The computer provided us with a series of line drawings of the house from any given point of view. Thus, any aesthetic problems could be studied and resolved before we started building."

Bonstel said the group pro-

vided 12 exterior views. Computer time was 40 seconds on an IBM 7094-7040 DCS computer. Plotter time was 40 minutes on an FAL 3500 data plotter.

The program which enabled a three-point perspective projection to be calculated and plotted from a station point was developed by the Urban Data Center, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Washington, and modified by the university's department of architecture.

Procedures steps were as follows:

- Preparation of polygon data (two or three-dimensional closed planar shapes) describing environment to be pictured. This involved translating the building geometry into numerical values (X, Y, Z coordinates) of each point plotted.

- Preparation of plot data describing station point, focal point, and cone of vision for each view.

The view was one of a series that has been carried out in the university's department of architecture as a series of studies concerned with the simulation of visual experience in architecture.

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RAF's Record and Pay System Called Most Technically Advanced

By a CW Staff Writer

GLOUCESTER, England — A computerized record and pay office system, described as the largest and most technically advanced in its field in the world, has been placed in full operation by Britain's Royal Air Force.

Centered around a Univac 1107 computer, the system is installed at the RAF station at Immingham, near Grimsby. Benefits of the system will be increased administrative efficiency and considerable economies in clerical manpower. Another asset from the system is expected to result from the ability to forecast manpower requirements rapidly from the concentration of information.

The file records relate to personnel and pay data of upwards of 100,000 airmen and airwomen, some 20,000 serving off-duty.

The records are used for allocation of manpower to every RAF unit throughout the world, management of careers, preparation of statistical information, issuance of pay statements, and

provision of contingency plans for overseas emergency reinforcement and mobilization.

When fed with basic codes relating to each personnel item of record, the computer automatically updates all relevant records and produces a multitude of exception and warning printouts and other essential management information.

Take 10 years to complete, from the initial feasibility study to full operation, the record and pay system is estimated by RAF officials to be five years ahead of any other similar system.

The software programming in the system has been designed in modular structure to form a

matrix of the amount of rewriting required when amendments to the system may be needed.

The complete 1107 system includes a main memory of 65,000 words, a magnetic drum with 100,000 random access drums storing 9.4 million characters of information, 11 magnetic tape units, three high-speed printers, and two paper tape reader/printer units.

Computers Keep Track Of Weather and Ships

MENLO PARK, Calif. — There was a time when sea captains looked at the sky, held a moistened finger to the air, then charted a course and set sail. They took their chances against the unknown weather and seas. Today's professional skippers rely on the most up-to-date weather data, and many now depend on a computer to aid them in keeping abreast of the weather and plotting their courses.

To help merchant ships cross the oceans through areas of best weather, Pacific Weather Analysis Corp. uses a computing system which keeps track of the rapidly changing ocean weather and as many as 300 moving ships at a time.

By studying ocean weather maps and the location of each ship, meteorologists at Pacific Weather Analysis can advise captains of the most favorable courses to steer. Each ship receives advice periodically by radio.

"By recommending initial courses and route rotations that offer the best winds and seas, we can reduce a vessel's ocean-crossing time by 12 to 24 hours," said Bill Dupin, Pacific Weather Analysis vice-president. "As we study the weather ahead of a ship, we can develop a more accurate forecast that will help the captain avoid adverse conditions and ensure the safety of his ship, cargo, and crew."

Frequently, a course change of just a couple of degrees will affect a ship's total voyage and arrival time significantly," he added.

Captains also rely on information provided by Pacific Weather Analysis to determine how best to stow and lash-down their cargoes in preparing for the weather ahead.

"Keeping track of 100 to 300 moving ships at a time and the constantly changing weather around the world is a huge task," Dupin said. "If we had to track each ship manually, we couldn't keep up. But the computer system handles the job without error, day and night. Without missing a thing, it constantly monitors the progress of each ship and can pinpoint the location of a ship at any given moment."

Weather information from Teletype machines is fed into the IBM 1130 system, along with periodically teletyped position and course reports radiated from ships served by Pacific Weather Analysis. A plotting device attached to the 1130 auto-

metically prepares maps every six hours showing the position and course of each ship and the prevailing weather at numerous locations across the oceans.

The maps also show "sea and swell" — the prevailing disposition and currents of the waters.

"We constantly receive weather data from every legitimate source, including domestic and foreign weather bureaus, satellites, and ships," Dupin said.

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GE-400 Software Offered For Accounts Receivable

By a CW Staff Writer

PHOENIX — An accounts receivable system for the GE-400 line of computers has been announced by GE. The software can both single and multi- location companies having a variety of businesses.

The new system automatically processes bills, and identifies delinquent accounts. Many different weekly and monthly reports are produced, and are said to provide a thorough insight into financial trends and more effective financial control of business operations.

The system is, according to GE, suitable for banks or computer service bureaus, as well as for manufacturing firms. The system is currently programmed to handle up to 2,000 accounts in the accounts receivable section of GE's Construction Materials Division in Bridgeport, Conn.

Commenting on the division's installation of the accounts re-

ceivable system, C.A. Renouard, manager of manufacturing industry development, said implementation of the new system will reduce the time spent on receivables processing time due to: 50% reduction in input preparation time, 80% reduction in error detection time, 10% reduction in the time required for 10 days an account is open, and a reduction of two-thirds in the time originally devoted to processing monthly customer statements.

The package operates in any GE-400 computer with 16K words of memory, five tape drives, a card reader, a card punch, and a high-speed printer. The program is also adaptable to GE disk storage, if desired.

For further information about this package, a brochure entitled "GE-400 Accounts Receivable System" (#GEA-8800) is available from General Electric, Dept. 6-207, Schenectady, N.Y. 12305.

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The package is currently operating at 10 sites including the Cosmic Software center at the University of Georgia and the Illinois Institute of Technology library of programs for mechanical structure analysis, the company says.

Using magnetic tapes, the package stores, maintains, modifies, deletes, and retrieves decks or individual records. It can, according to the company, handle floating-point, integer, and character specifications, etc. Due to a very compact method of storage, up to one-half million cards may be stored on a single tape.

For each tape produced, a current table of contents is printed. If individual programs are listed on an tape, the table includes the card number for each card modified or deleted. All parts of any stored deck may be used to create new decks, which can then be stored. The entire program is remembered if changes

are made affecting the number of cards.

Built-In Flowcharting

The program also has a "flowchart" option which can generate flowcharts for any program, reading from left to right across the printed page. This feature, the company feels, al-

lows complete documentation standards to be maintained for any program, no matter how large, and no matter how many of them there are.

The package sells for \$25,000 and leases for \$6000 per year. Only 13 basic commands are needed to use the entire facilities of the system.

Decision Table to Cobol Conversion Now a Service

GLENDALE, Pa. — A new approach to programming, combining the advantages of time-sharing, the wide usefulness of Cobol, and the optimization of decision tables, has been announced by Information Systems Leasing Corp. in conjunction with Computer Network Corp. here.

The system will be available through the Comnet network of time-sharing installations. Through 5500 computers in several locations around the country, according to ISL, Comnet's system is available currently in the Washington, New York City, and Philadelphia areas.

Decision Table Compiler
ISL has contributed its Detoc

(decision table-to-Cobol) converter which, according to the company, provides enormous savings in generating Cobol programs. Detoc produces Cobol programs from decision tables, providing documentation directly from the listing. Detoc has been available previously on a lease basis, but now operates on-line, through the Comnet of ISL, feels that it is the use of a decision table compiler, programming time, debugging time, and maintenance time can be reduced by 75%.

The user will communicate via terminal with the B5500, which will run on "economy" machines with very rapid turnaround, permitting the processing of jobs in a "job stream."

The Comnet system provides both conversational-mode programming, as well as batch-priority processing, as well as on-line programming and debugging. Comnet has its headquarters in New York City.

New DOS/360 Debugging Aids Are Offered

NEW YORK — Scads and Corp., two new debugging aids from Modular Systems, Inc. of Madison Ave., are aimed at System 360 Dos Operating System users for console program debugging and patching.

Scads (System 360 assembly language) system enables DOS users to debug their programs directly from the system control console. By typing instructions at execution time, the programmer can take direct control of execution points, and cause branches while the program continues to run.

Oops (On-line object patching system), which is an adjunct of Scads, simplifies machine language patching for user decks, eliminating reassembly time. The combination package is currently available from the company at \$1000 per installation plus \$200 per additional computer owned up to a \$2000 total.

Business and Financial Applications Added to Service Bureau's Library

TARZANA, Calif. — A new library of business and financial programs for use with its time-sharing system has been announced by the Com-A-Com Corp., according to Richard Henderson,

company president.

Some of the typical applications included are trust port-

folios, analytical investment yield, cash flow, budget analysis,

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prices, and budget control, he said. In all, several hundred programs are included in the storeprogram library for immediate access by any user.

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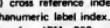
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Honeywell DDP-516 computers are used as message concentrators in the Keydata system for on-line business processing used with Instinet.

Optical Scanning Expects To Post Loss in Quarter

NEWTOWN, Pa. — Lack of salesmen and a cancellation of a large order were cited as reasons why Optical Scanning Corp. expects to report a loss in the quarter ending March 31.

John W. Bushy, president, said in a letter to shareholders that there were three factors behind the expected loss.

The most important problem was "the company's inability to maintain an adequate level of trained salesmen at a time when plant expansion had added substantially to capacity to produce."

Bushy did say that the company's marketing department has been "reorganized" and that Optical Scanning plans to build up its order backlog to five or six months to minimize the effects of future seasonal swings in orders.

Also cited was the cancellation by a major customer of an order for 21 optical scanning systems

and the seasonally low incoming order rate of the third quarter.

Bushy told *Computerworld* that although State Farm Insurance Co. had placed an order for 21 Digits '70s, two Open 70s have been installed at State Farm as test units with a "good possibility" that State Farm will order the larger units instead.

The Open 70 consists of a DDP-10 linked to a tape drive, Data-Phone, and a high-speed printer.

In comparison, the company last year reported a profit of \$151,348, 29 cents a share.

For all of fiscal 1968, Optical Scanning earned \$583,582, or \$11.2 a share, on revenue of \$5.6 million.

Optical Scanning manufactures equipment that reads both hand-printed and machine-printed characters, and transfers the data to 7 or 9-channel magnetic tape.

DPF&G Agrees to Finance Computer Construction

By a CW Staff Writer

NEW YORK — Data Processing Financial General Corp. has agreed to finance up to \$12 million of the construction of a newly designed time-sharing super-computer system.

The agreement also provides for possible half ownership by DPF&G of a newly formed manufacturing company that will specialize in time-shared computer systems.

Under the agreement, announced March 19, DPF&G has purchased a \$100,000 deposit from the University of California, Berkeley, Calif., which is convertible into 50% of Berkeley's outstanding common stock. DPF&G, which has also agreed to advance additional funds up to \$2 million, from time to time as certain levels of progress are achieved.

According to DPF&G, these additional funds are earmarked

for the purchase of components.

Berkeley Computer was recently formed to manufacture a computer system that integrated the SDS 930 computer for time sharing.

The resulting design adapted and modified by SDS became the SDS 940, a time-sharing computer able to sustain about 30 simultaneous users.

The research underlying the design of the new Berkeley firm's time-sharing computer system was completed at the University of California at Berkeley during the past five years under the auspices of the Advanced Research Project Agency (ARPA) of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, according to DPF&G.

Large Lot Security Sales System Ready for Institutional Buyers

By A.B. Williams

CW Staff Writer

With the recent entry of Mass-Computer, acting as stockbrokers' institutional investors, Inc. (Instinet) will offer just such a service, to facilitate absolutely anonymous, no-charge-fee trades of large blocks of securities in lots of at least 500,000 sizes.

Instinet offers all the negotiating, "game-playing" opportunities available to an exchange floor trader, with the added benefit of identifying the buyer by number only, a different number for each line item offered or bid.

The heart of the system is a Univac 494, at Keydata, Inc., Waltham, Mass., which handles the 494 cycles a 30-bit word in 0.75 microseconds; oversimplified access gives an effective time of 0.375 microseconds. By year-end, two 494s will be duplexed.

The institutional users will have specially designed Teletype terminals, with a 75 baud rate. Should there be enough users in a given area, Instinet will install Honeywell DDP-516s to act as concentrators. (Instinet can handle up to 128 communications lines each.) As well as speeding up system response, the 516s will lower transaction fees.

Bids, Offers Stored

Instinet will maintain an on-line book of all bids and offers in the system. A user can add an offer or bid to the book at any time, can withdraw it at any time, can withdraw it at any time, can accept or decline someone else's; he can inquire into the book on any security included. Each stock is identified by a number; each separate offer or bid is given under identification. The only floor trading device that can't be used is the "Sorry, I just went to lunch" dodge employed by traders when it appears that their customers want a better price by waiting. One can offer or withdraw in the system, it can be unduly accepted until either completed or withdrawn. The system features a response time of less than two seconds.

If a user is interested in the book he looks at it, can broadcast an offer or bid to all other members of the system, any one of whom can either accept or open negotiations. A broadcast has the advantage of feature that it can be a time limit. It can be made to expire automatically in a period of 15 minutes to one week.

A broadcast is immediately typed on all user terminals, as well as being added to the book. Any bid or offer may incorporate a time limit. The buyers of a security, may hide a further price, or may be "all or none."

The system offers complete anonymity. Buyer, seller, and

the security are identified only by numbers. A trade is handled by the user, civilian bank, attorney, can and trustee through the Bank of New York. The trade is fully described on hard copy produced at the terminals. All details must check. This should clear up that end of the "confidential mess which has created so much havoc in brokerage offices."

Tight Security

Security is tight enough that two users can't be under the same management need never know that one bought what the other sold — an entirely possible circumstance, if day-to-day management is split, as is often the case.

Instinet is aimed directly at institutions, such as banks, insurance companies, mutual funds, and pension funds — the people who have come to exert an increasing, very large influence on the financial exchange. There is no physical exchange, both in daily trading and as a result of the massive portfolios they carry. They will benefit from the close price shopping offered by the system, from the anonymity and security, from the fast response, and particularly from the lack of brokerage fees.

The minimum base price for the service is \$1740 per month,

plus communication charges and processing unit charges.

Competitive Services

Instinet has competition. Another Service Corp. of Wellesley, Mass., expects to go into operation this month with a system based around a Scientific Data Systems Sigma 5. This system is essentially a brokerage service only the brokers, who pay \$5000 a month, can enter information into the network. The institutional customers, whose monthly fee is \$200 will often be picked up by brokers, who will then negotiate from the broker's offer. Needless to say, the brokers will get their piece of the action.

The New York Stock Exchange has Arthur D. Little, Inc. working on the development of a plan quite similar to the Instinet system — a broker-oriented file, through which transactions will clear through normal channels. Only brokers will be able to make actual transactions. There will be bids and offers, as well as all outstanding offers, which can be accepted on the spot or serve as the basis for negotiations. There will presumably be a substantial minimum-size trade — \$1 million is seen as a good possibility.

Thus, what makes Instinet unique also makes it more attractive to institutional users.

Computer Short Interest Climbs on Amex and NYSE

By a CW Staff Writer

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Burrus Corp. 64,998 59,887

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Computer Data 220,758 225,481

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Electric 46,282 39,401

Honeywell 65,830 29,098

Inter Business 81,177 65,930

Mathews 61,829 39,401

Net Cash 45,841 34,191

Radio Corp. of 23,780 78,792

America 26,777 31,156

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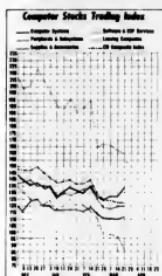
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All Sectors Rise Except Software

By V.J. Farmer
CW Staff Writer

Computer stocks reflected the general stock market optimism during the week ended March 21 as four of Computerworld's five sectors rose.

Led by NCR and Burroughs, all the stocks in the Computer Systems sector went up, pushing the index higher by 6.2 points (4.8%) to 133.9.

The Leasco Companies sector broke its one-week decline, posting a gain of 2 of 2.3% to 87.5 as Leasco jumped 5-1/8 on its newly split shares.

Supplies & Accessories climbed 2.4 (2.1%) to 112.3, and Peripherals & Subsystems squeaked up 1 point (0.8%) to 120.4.

Software & EDP Services was the only sector to decline, down 2.7 (1.7%) to 160.

The composite index was 122.85.

The Dow Jones industrial average, during the same week, climbed 15.72 to 920; the NYSE composite index inched up 0.94 to 55.87; Standard & Poor's industrial average rose 1.96 to 103.6; the S&P 500 price index increased 52 cents to \$306; and the NQD over-the-counter industrial average rose 1.68 to 392.20.

Leasco Revives?

Leasco Data Processing climbed rapidly this week after a heavy decline that had lasted more than two months. The jump of 5-1/8 last week was equivalent to a 13-point jump on the firm's stock before its recent 5-for-2 split.

But Leasco has indeed turned on the steam.

On Monday, March 17, Leasco came out with a full-page advertisement in the *Wall Street Journal*, touting Leasco's new Response time-sharing services in the conversational mode using portable terminals.

The main selling point was price, which was advertised at \$5.75 an hour, or \$4.75 an hour on a volume basis. Charges are levied only when the terminals are in use.

COMPUTER STOCKS TRADING SUMMARY

WEEK ENDED MARCH 21, 1986

COMPUTER SYSTEMS			
PRICE	1986	CLOSING	CHANGE
OPEN	PERCENT	PRICE	PERCENT
163.34	+5.15	163.74	+3.4%
67.24	+1.81	68.08	+2.7%
1.89	+1.77	2.01	+1.0%
81.14	+2.05	81.28	+1.6%
68	+1.56	69.74	+2.4%
165.30	+5.05	167.04	+3.5%
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common stock. Proceeds at \$10 per share, intended
for expansion, acquisitions, and
working capital. No underwriting is involved.

COMPUTER TRAFFIC CON-
TROLS, Inc., Billerica, Mass., a
communications equipment and
systems organization, filed to register
100,000 shares of common stock.
Proceeds at \$10 per share, maximum
intended for research and
development, and general corporate
purposes. The underwriter is Diamond
& Co., 55 Broad St., New York, N.Y.
10006.

MARICQ DATA CO., Inc., 7639
37th Ave., Jackson Hts., N.Y. 11335,
a computer software company, filed to
register 100,000 shares of common
stock. Proceeds at \$10 per share,
intended for general corporate pur-
poses and working capital. The
underwriter is Horwitz & Co., 180 Main
St., New York, N.Y. 10007.

DATA RESEARCH CORP., Laurel,
Md. (formerly, 7170 Research Dr.,
Gaithersburg, Md.), a company engaged
in the manufacture of digital input
and output control systems, filed to
register 100,000 shares of common
stock. Proceeds at \$10 per share, intended
for general corporate purposes and
working capital. The underwriter is
Charles Prohn & Co., 204 Park Ave.,
New York, N.Y. 10001.

TELETYPE COMPUTER CORP.,
285 Crescent St., Waltham, Mass., a
computer software company, filed to
register 200,000 shares of common
stock. Proceeds at \$10 per share,
intended for purchase of equipment
and working capital. The underwriter
is Collins Securities Corp., 74 Trinity
Place, New York, N.Y. 10004.

MARINET, Inc., 95 Main
St., Bayside, Long Island, N.Y., a
company engaged in the development,
manufacture, and sale of magnetic
recording heads, components, and
related equipment for use in direct
and sequential data processing, filed to
register 200,000 shares of common
stock. Proceeds at \$10 per share,
intended for purchase of equipment
and working capital. The underwriter
is Charles Prohn & Co., Inc., 204 Park
Ave., New York, N.Y. 10001.

COMPUTER SCIENCES CORP.,
1901 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles,
Calif., a computer software company,
filed to register 200,000 shares of
common stock. Proceeds at \$10 per share,
intended for research and development,
operations and working capital. The
underwriter is D.F. Fuller & Co., Inc.,
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operations and working capital. The
underwriter is D.F. Fuller & Co., Inc.,
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COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, Inc.,
65 E. South Water, Chicago, a
computer software company, filed to
register 649,230 shares of common stock.
Proceeds at \$10 per share, maximum,
intended for research and development,
operations and working capital. The
underwriters are Lehman Brothers, Haffner
& Co., 1000 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta,
Ga. 30357, and Salomon Brothers, Inc.,
55 Broad St., New York, N.Y. 10004.

COMPUTER CENTER, Inc., 423
W. Monument St., Baltimore, Md.,
a computer software company, filed to
register 100,000 shares of common
stock. Proceeds at \$10 per share,
maximum, intended for research and
development, operations and working
capital. The underwriter is Salomon
Brothers, Inc., 55 Broad St., New York,
N.Y. 10004.

AUTOCOMP, Inc., 1250 Mont-
gomery, Bala Cynwyd, Pa., a com-
puter information systems company,
filed to register 100,000 shares of
common stock. Proceeds at \$10 per
share, maximum, intended for research
and development, operations and
working capital. The underwriter is
D.F. Fuller & Co., Inc., 26 Broad St.,
New York, N.Y. 10007.

INTERNATIONAL TIMESHAR-
ING CORP., 4820 W. 77th St., Min-
neapolis, Minn., a computer software
company, filed to register 300,000
shares of common stock. Proceeds at
\$10 per share, maximum, intended for
research and development, operations
and working capital. The underwriter
is Salomon Brothers, Inc., 55 Broad
St., New York, N.Y. 10004.

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON AREA,
Md. (formerly, 1000 16th St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20004), a company
engaged in the development of
computerized medical data anal-
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PROGRAMS AND ANALYSIS, Inc.,
486 Totten Pond Road, Waltham,
Mass., a computer software company,
filed to register 100,000 shares of common
stock. Proceeds at \$10 per share, maximum,
intended for purchase of a GE-430
computer system. The underwriter
is Salomon Brothers, Inc., 55 Broad
St., New York, N.Y. 10004.

DATA 100 Corp., 4444 W. 76th
St., Edina, Minn., a computer ter-
minal and software company, filed to
register 350,000 shares of common
stock. Proceeds at \$10 per share,
intended for research and development,
operations and working capital. The
underwriter is Salomon Brothers, Inc.,
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R.G. COMPUTING AND PRO-
GRAMMING, Inc., 7170 Research Dr.,
Gaithersburg, Md., a company engaged
in the development and operation of
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MI-DAMERICA LEASING, Inc.,
1181 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles,
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DATA PROCESSING FINANCIAL
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underwriter is Salomon Brothers, Inc.,
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WILKINSON COMPUTER SCI-
ENCES, Inc., 200 Sweetwater Ave.,
a small general purpose digital
computer, filed to register 280,000
shares of common stock. Proceeds at
\$10 per share, intended for general
corporate purposes and for working
capital. The underwriter is H.M.
Fowler & Co., Inc., 26 Broadway,
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COMPUTER DYNAMICS, Inc.,
1760 Solano Ave., Berkeley, Calif., a
computer services company, filed to
register 100,000 shares of common
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intended for research and development,
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underwriter is Ham-
ilton, Thompson & Davis, 200 Park
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AGS COMPUTERS, Inc., 21 E.
40th St., New York, N.Y. 10016, a
computer manufacturer, filed to register
100,000 shares of common stock.
Proceeds at \$8 per share, intended
for research and development, general
corporate purposes and for working
capital. The underwriter is S.E.
Carter, 525 Madison Ave., New York,
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NATIONAL DATA PROCESSING
CORPORATION, Inc., 520 Cedar
Rapids, Iowa, a computer services
company, filed to register 120,000
shares of common stock. Proceeds at
\$8 per share, maximum, intended
for research and development, general
corporate purposes and for working
capital. The underwriter is D.H. Dickenson &
Co., Inc., 200 5th Ave., Des Moines, Iowa
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COMPUTER ANALYSIS, Inc., 820
Milwaukee Blvd., Baltimore, Md., a
computer services company, preparing
information systems in preparing
information systems, filed to register
100,000 shares of common stock.
Proceeds at \$8 per share, intended
for research and development, general
corporate purposes and for working
capital. The underwriter is Salomon
Brothers, Inc., 55 Broad St., New York,
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COMPUTER GENERAL CORP., 33
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company proposing to develop and
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substantial interest in the re-
cently formed Digital Informa-
tion Corp., St. Paul, Minn., with
option to acquire the remaining
interest in the corporation at a
later time. The new corporation
develops and manufactures mag-
netic disk storage systems and
drives.

Wang also announced the ac-
quisition of Medical Systems and
Data Corp. of Boston. Medical
Systems was organized last year
to supply services related to
computerized medical data anal-
ysis.

BALTIMORE, Md. - Computer
Consulting, Inc. has announced
its acquisition of Datacom, Inc.,
a privately owned Balti-
more, Md. computer company.
Datacom, Inc. provides program-
ming, software and support services
for business applications. The
underwriter is Orlin, Kallman & Quail,
111 S. 8th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

NORTH AMERICAN COMPUTER
AND COMMUNICATIONS CORP., One
Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., has
acquired a 21-month interest in
Time-Sharing, Inc., a computer
communications company, based in
Milwaukee, Wis. Time-Sharing
will offer public sale in units
of 100 shares, exercisable at \$6 per
share. Proceeds from the sale will
be used for computer and communications
expansion and working capital.
The underwriter is Charles Prohn &
Co., 204 Park Ave., New York, N.Y.
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ATLANTA, Ga. - Computer
Acquisitions Co., a company
headed by Alister Stoecker, a
founder and the general manager
of the company, and will operate
as a wholly owned Computer
Consulting subsidiary.

WARRIOR, Mich. - A.I.M.
Companies, Inc. has reached an
agreement to acquire Data-
stations Corp., Los Angeles. The
acquisition will involve an undisclosed
amount of A.I.M. common
stock and will not be completed
until the company begins
fulfillment of certain conditions.
It is anticipated by A.I.M.
that Datastations' sales will be
approximately \$4.5 million dol-
lars this year.

New Time-Sharing Plotters Will Be Produced First

WILTON, Conn. — Time Share Peripherals Corp., successor to Meier Associates, has been formed to produce quality instrumentation for the time-share market.

The company is starting out with a new concept in line-share plotters.

Their current product, designated the TSP-12, is claimed to be a fast, economical plotter which can draw a pen recorder or CRT display in any direction without change in recording.

Ted Meier, president of the new organization, was formerly a project engineer at Perkin-Elmer, where he worked with digital instrumentation.

Meier Associates, his previous company, was responsible for designing and delivering systems for Johnson & Johnson and Dartmouth College which interface test instrumentation with time-share computers.

The new organization states it has several other products on its drawing boards or in the prototype stage at its offices and plant at Danbury Rd., Wilton.

Cavagnah Adds Computers

NEW YORK — Cavagnah Leasing Corp. has formed the Cavagnah Computer Leasing Co. which will operate as a division of the parent firm.

The computer division will specialize in the lease financing

for IBM 1130 and 360/30 computers and Univac 9200 and 9300 computers.

Nathan Samuelson has been named president of Cavagnah Computer Leasing. A graduate of the City College of New York and the New York Law School, he has been in the leasing industry since 1962 when he started the National Negotiable Leasing Service.

Computer Industries, Inc. Open Field Services Div.

DALLAS — Computer Industries, Inc., the manufacturing subsidiary of University Computing Co., has established a new offices division to combine the field service capabilities of the company's Computer Systems Division, Van Nuys, Calif., and its Communications Systems Division, Dallas.

Both divisions manufacture computer peripheral equipment.

Brian R. Harris, vice-president of the new division, said it provides both maintenance services for CII and other peripheral equipment manufacturers, and operations and maintenance programs for electronic data processing systems users.

Infritonic, Inc. Will Provide General Computer Services

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — American Credit Corp. has formed a new subsidiary, Infritonic, Inc., which will provide general computer services to business and industry.

Initially, Infritonic's marketing

efforts will be concentrated in the Carolinas.

Services immediately available from Infritonic will include systems analysis and design, programming, and data processing. Market research will be conducted to determine the need for additional services such as management consulting, total facilities management for data processing installations, specialized software packages, education and time-sharing programs.

Robert L. Blackwelder has been elected president of Infritonic.

New Companies

Opportunity to Specialize In Urban Applications

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Opportunity Systems Inc. recently was organized to provide systems analysis, computer programming, and related services for CII and other peripheral equipment manufacturers, and operations and maintenance programs for electronic data processing systems users.

George H. Walker, formerly manager of marketing and customer relations for Software Systems, Inc., will serve as president of the new company. Harry L. Semple, professor at Howard University, School of Engineering and director of the Digital Computer Laboratory, will serve as vice-president.

A special concern of the corporation is providing expertise in

computer technology in the field of urban applications.

D/P Computer to Consult

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — A new management consulting firm, D/P Computer Services, Inc., has been formed to provide professional advice and assistance in the fields of data processing and modern information technology. Special emphasis will be placed on corporate or business use of electronic data processing.

Other major areas of the firm's practice will include office and administrative services, management education and training, and recruitment of executive, managerial, professional, and technical personnel.

Emphasis Set on Software For Shared Systems

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Manus Associates, an international management and research consulting firm, has started an affiliated computer software firm, Continental Software Services, Inc.

The new firm will provide services in the areas of business and scientific problem analysis, systems analysis, software development, and computer and scientific programming.

Continental Software Services will place emphasis on designing special-purpose, proprietary software packages for time-shared computer systems.

Consultant Opens Office

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Louis Feldner, data communications consultant, has opened an office specializing in analysis, marketing, and training related to computers and communications at 200 California Ave.

Feldner is currently a consultant to the FCC, and is also chairman of the legal and industrial subcommittee of a new IEEE group devoted to computer-communication systems.

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Road to Bankruptcy Is Paved With Good Intentions

By Alan Taylor

The presidency of Prof. Bernard A. Galler and the tenure of the 1968-69 ACM Council started June 1, 1968. There was more than \$160,000 in the bank. Two hundred and thirty days later, on Jan. 1, ACM officials could sign no more checks. ACM, to quote its own treasurer, was broke.

Why? No one knows for sure. But here is an account of what happened, pieced together from the documents.

It would not be true to say that the 1968-69 fiscal year began happily. The previous council had been unable to agree on a budget. After a protracted meeting in a Boston motel, the council had agreed on an expense ceiling of \$1.9 million (up from \$1.6 million in 1967-68), but had not accepted all budget assumptions and had left the details to the ACM Executive Committee.

The executive committee is an interesting entity. It consists of the three elected council members, the president, the vice-president, and the secretary. Galler, as vice-president, had served on the previous executive committee, as had Donn B. Parker, the secretary. The only newcomer was Walter M. Carson, the new vice-president.

Members of the society who have read the ACM Constitution may know of the existence of this committee, but certainly no one could have known of its existence from the election campaign. It was never mentioned.

Yet, in reality, it is the executive committee that really runs the ACM, with the council left powerless. This was the case with the 1968-69 budget. The executive committee set it up, but it never received complete approval by the council.

August Council Meeting

At its first meeting, the new council set the subscription price for the ACM *Journal*. The *Journal*, formerly supplied free to all members, had been made optional. Some 1,000 members voted to pay \$5 for it; the editorial board voted to charge \$2. The council compromised on a \$3 price.

Treasurer Walter Hoffman promptly lashed the council for "financial irresponsibility." He said it could not go on ignoring the financial facts of the society doing what it would like. He was supported by Herbert R.J. Grosch, a member-at-large, and Anthony G. Oettinger, the past president. Grosch moved that the loss-making from the \$3 subscription would be made up by taking the equivalent amount from the editorial board's budget. (The editorial board had strongly recommended the lower price.) Grosch said that the society's finances had to be safeguarded. The council tabled his motion.

Nonetheless, undiluted figures for the previous year were distributed. These showed that the previous year's operations had not been a financial success, even if they had not been a failure. Receipts had exceeded expenses by only \$23,366, but the budgeted \$85,000 by only 70%.

Grosch demanded that the council keep more in touch with what was going on. He moved that the council meet more frequently, and the motion was seconded by Richard E. Canning, the Regional Representative (Carl Hammer). The motion was defeated 18-2 after other members opposed it as unnecessary.

After the meeting, a reporter heard some members of the council talk about Grosch's "disruptive" demands. He overheard talk of having Grosch formally expelled from the council.

In its Sept. 4 issue, *Computerworld*

pointed out that some of the recorded expenditures appeared to be outside the council authority because they were both unbudgeted and over \$25,000.

On Sept. 9, Galler wrote to the ACM Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (a committee of seven, not an elected body), asking that the \$25,000 limitation be removed. The committee agreed and wrote back nine days later, recommending its removal. That was some of the fastest action seen during the 230 days.

December Council Meeting

Four months later, the treasurer's projections for the financial year already was showing that the society budget was going to be out of balance by \$100,000. The budget was off by \$94,000 surplus, the year would probably result in a \$3000 deficit. Except for an unbudgeted \$8,600 windfall from the American Federation of Information Processing Societies, the projected deficit would have been \$9,500.

Treasurer Hoffman wrote: "From a purely financial point of view, continuation of past policies is simply no longer possible. . . ACM is essentially broke." This report was distributed to the council members at the next meeting.

December, Veribly, the treasurer resigned, remarking only that the new council was as financially irresponsible as the last one.

Did, however, note that the accounting base for the Las Vegas ACM show in September was \$100,000, which was far from what it appeared in the budget and that, therefore, council members could not compare the figures. As a result, the financial failure of the show, a substantial cause of the financial crisis, did not become apparent until January or another two months. Hoffman gave no indication that there was an immediate crisis on hand, and in less than five minutes the council moved on to other matters.

Financial Safeguards Dismembered

The second council meeting did take some action on financial matters. For one thing, the council changed Section 9 of the ACM Bylaws. This section was the first "financial safeguard." It provided for financial audit by an independent auditor conducted independently from the council. Under the old procedure, the president nominated an ACM member who was not a member of the council to employ a public accountant to audit the books.

On Hoffman's motion, the council decided to reserve to itself the appointment of an auditor.

The council was not able to act quite so precipitously on the other financial "safeguards" that it wanted. The removal of the limit on any undesignated expenditure of more than \$25,000. From the ordinary member's point of view, this was another — and perhaps the strongest — financial safeguard. The council could not just change it, as it was in the constitution. It had to refer the matter to the membership, which it did by a unanimous vote.

Herbert Grosch, supported by Carl Hammer, then continued his apparently unpopular position of asking for better control of the budget. He proposed that most of the executive committee and the editorial board, both of which were carrying out major financial operations, should be open to members of the council. He was again opposed, but this time not directly. At the request of Richard Canning, a member-at-large, and Aaron Fineman, chairman of the editorial board, the motion was tabled by a

The Importance of Dates

Actions that might have been changed if members had known society was going broke:

In December
Actions that might have been avoided if members had known society was going broke:
In August
Actions that might have been avoided if members had known society was going broke:
In May
Actions that might have been avoided if members had known society was going broke:
One Year Ago

• After contract might have been avoided if members had known society was going broke:
• Auditing information might have been retained.
• Council members might have been invited into Executive Committee meetings.
• Council members might have decided to serve to drop.

• \$100,000 honorarium for Survey and Tutorial Journal might have been approved.

• \$120,000 unbudgeted spending in 1967-68 might have been avoided.

• 1967-68 account might have been audited independently from council.

• All proper budget might have been adopted and published.

• ACM might have committed the ACM to a number of actions — such as moving into a new headquarters at the cost of \$100,000 — which might never have been approved if the full facts had been widely known.

It can reasonably be said that the delay in accepting the obvious allowed many fundamental actions to go through, perhaps beyond the possibility of recall. (In the boxes are some of the actions which might have been changed if ACM members had realized the financial crisis.)

However, to some extent, all this is immaterial to members. After all, what many of them are interested in is the membership benefits they get, rather than how well the society itself is doing.

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- Minimum system configuration:
 - (1) 12K 1401/60 with 2 tape drives
 - (2) 16K 360/30 or above with 2 tape drives (DOS or TOS)

3. "PATCHING THE 360 FOR FUN AND PROFIT" (A Programmer's Manual)

- Thousands of hours and hundreds of precious computer hours may be saved by patching 360 programs while they are being tested. Convert-A-Code's manual places all of the programmer requirements at your fingertips, in ENGLISH, with examples and illustrations.

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